

# Saint Joseph Church

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2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) & young people:

Blessings as our summer weeks now lead us into an academic season!

Catechetical Sunday is September 18 and at 9:00 am mass we will bless our catechists, students and families. Following this mass there will be pancakes plus and a meet and greet! Joan Duane and Sr Eleanor Clancy SND have graciously offered to assist with coordinating much of our program this year. The morning mass and gathering will launch us with spirit and fellowship. 2016-2017 session scheduling and activity information are included in this mailing!

Religious education and faith formation 2016-2017 will commence on Sunday, October 16. Sessions begin with celebration of the Eucharist, 9:00 am mass, followed by 10:00 refreshments and grade level gatherings, ending at 11:15 a.m. Of course there are some families who prefer to attend the 11:30 a.m. mass (teens prefer this!).

## ***Something new to look forward to....***

As part of religious education training and faith formation children and adults attend 9:00 am mass and are encouraged to participate in a monthly mass, these will be scheduled in advance. Please let us know if you and/or your child have a preference for a particular ministry such as Lector, music, Eucharistic, usher, gift bearer or greeter. Also, please consider your child(ren) or yourselves becoming liturgical ministers and server(s) at the altar on a more regular basis. Training and scheduling are flexible so as to be compatible with your household weekend schedules. What better gift can you pass on to our youth than praising and serving God at the altar at Sunday Liturgy!

Music and homilies coupled with our strong ritual traditions are meant to be powerful experiences and your input is welcome and valuable. Please contact me with any suggestions.

- Worship, education and social justice/outreach are at the core of who we are as Catholic Christians. We are called, through baptism to live, to be, to do and to act as Jesus would have us. Through religious education and faith formation young and adult alike can build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and grow as disciples in mission.
- Adults are encouraged to remain present after mass at religious education hour, meet one another, and discuss our faith. It is our hope that anyone interested in learning more about their faith, or just catching up with others stay and relax with a cup of coffee or tea and occasional 15 minute topic discussion! There's plenty of reading material if one chooses to sit and read. Please consider a discussion topic I might facilitate and discuss.

For those who have yet to register your child for classes, please do so as soon as possible as we are in our final planning stages. We are also seeking catechists, community service coordinators, volunteers as refreshment assistants, monitors and substitute catechists. Please help minister if you are able.

We hope to engage our religious education-faith formation families and youth and our entire parish in outreach community service. We are open to your ideas and look forward to collaborating with our parish outreach committee.

An area of assistance we hope there's interest in this year of mercy is the potential of "faith and fun field trips" (pilgrimages)!!!! To and through the Holy Door of Mercy at our Cathedral , also to Lasallette Shrine Attleboro for their festival of lights during Advent and at our Cardinal Cushing Park neighborhood tree lighting ceremony.

Other ideas & suggestions most welcome!

Appreciation and Prayers



Fr Joe White

# Religious Education Program Registration

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Rel. Ed Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. # City State Zipcode

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home

Cell Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Email #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish (if not St. Joseph): \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the back side of this form

**Sacramental History**

No need to complete this section if info is on file in the office

**Baptism:** Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zipcode

**First Holy Communion & Reconciliation:** Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zipcode

Is this a sacramental year for your child? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes" please specify below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ First Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_ First Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation

**Registration Information**

First child: \$125.00      Second child: \$100.00      Third child: \$75.00

Please make all checks payable to: St. Joseph Parish-Religious Education

**Safety Information:**

Are there food allergies or other medical situations that we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child benefit from any special education services? \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer/Ministerial Opportunities:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to teach (No experience necessary.)      \_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to be a hall monitor/helper

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to serve in liturgical ministries      \_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to help with refreshments

Do you have any special skills that you would like to share with our children? \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only: Date Reg. Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_